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EXPLORE THE BEST OF WISCONSIN ON A NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION FIELD TRIP.

Christine Tanzer

It's the perfect time to get a little wild and venture outside to explore more of what makes Wisconsin special. With DNR professionals and knowledgeable leaders at the helm, there is so much to experience and so many places to explore. From bogs and frogs to birds and butterflies, from fish and bats to lichens and owls — we will see it up close and learn in depth. Whether it's hiking, paddling, biking or pontoon cruising, we will take you to the most diverse and interesting places to learn about prairies, savannas, rivers and even old growth forests. Join us in exploring the best of Wisconsin!

Natural Resources Foundation

The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization founded in 1986. It secures private funding for our state's highest conservation priorities.

The Foundation also manages the Wisconsin Conservation Endowment, through which individuals and groups can create permanent funding for the places, species or conservation issues of most concern to them. The Wisconsin Conservation Endowment comprises more than 80 endowment funds with assets of more than \$6 million.

The Foundation's newest initiative, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, is the Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund, where individuals and businesses can give now so that our state fisheries, parks, wildlife areas and state natural areas can be cared for forever. Learn more at CherishWisconsin.org.

Offering Field Trips is central to the Foundation's mission to connect generations to the wonders of Wisconsin's lands, waters and wildlife through conservation, education, engagement and giving. Of course, the trips are also a whole lot of fun!

Become a member or donate to the Foundation at WisConservation.org or call 866-264-4096 for more information.

Register online: WisConservation.org

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1 PICK YOUR FIELD TRIPS

Trips are color-coded to provide information about physical demands, from easy to extreme. Each trip has a registration fee listed; some are fundraisers to support conservation or have an additional fee for equipment rental. Trips fill quickly, so check the Foundation's website (WisConservation.org) for current availability.

2 BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION OF WISCONSIN.

Field Trips are only open to members of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and their guests. You can become a member at a discounted rate of just \$15 per family as part of your online registration or become a member online anytime at WisConservation.org. Your membership fee supports conservation projects across the state.

3 REGISTER FOR YOUR TRIPS AT WISCONSERVATION.ORG.

Click on the "Register for Field Trips" link. Enter the passcode JoinNRF to receive your discounted membership. You may register for up to four trips and bring up to five guests. The Foundation does not accept phone or email registrations.

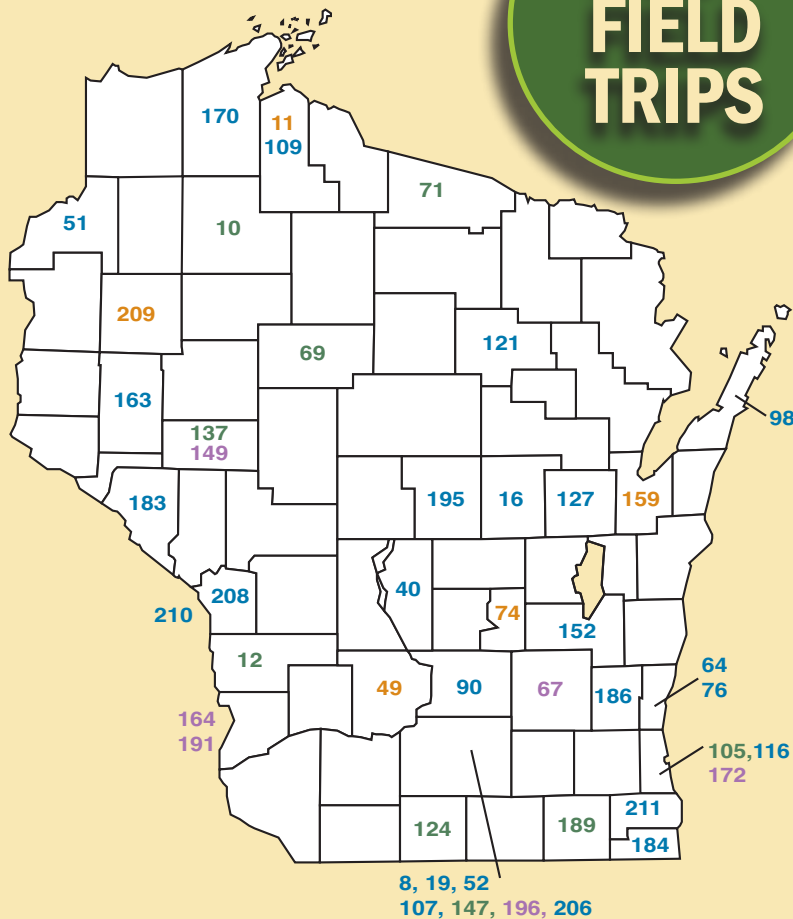
Approximately two weeks before each of your trips, you will receive an email with details and driving directions. Then it's time to get outdoors and get to know Wisconsin. **Trips will fill FAST, so sign up in April for best availability.**

QUESTIONS?

Visit the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin's website at WisConservation.org, call toll-free 866-264-4096 or email FieldTrips@WisConservation.org.



2017 FIELD TRIPS



For a complete list of trips, visit WisConservation.org.

The color of the trip title indicates the physical demand level of the trip.

- 1** Accessible to people with walking disabilities
- 2** Easy, short hike on level terrain
- 3** Average hike with some hills
- 4** Steeper terrain, long hike or challenging hike

Child-friendly trips are identified with this symbol:
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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FieldTrips@WisConservation.org.

Only a selection of trips is listed here. There are over 150 MORE Field Trips in the lineup that span the entire state. View trips and register online at WisConservation.org

8. TOUR THE USGS NATIONAL WILDLIFE HEALTH CENTER

See where critical science comes to life! Tour the National Wildlife Health Center, a biomedical research facility conducting field and lab work to identify and assess diseases in wildlife populations. Learn the fascinating ecological relationships leading to diseases and how methods are developed to prevent and control them. Wednesday, April 26, 1-4:30 p.m. Madison, Dane Co. Leaders: Scott Craven and Chris Brand Limit: 25 Cost: \$15 per person

10. SNAPSHOT WISCONSIN: WOODLAND TRAIL CAMERAS

Venture through spring woodland wildflowers to see trail cameras that are part of Snapshot Wisconsin, a DNR program to monitor wildlife year-round using trail cameras that volunteer citizens install on their own land. Learn how trail cameras on your land can help provide important data for wildlife management decisions. Thursday, April 27, 2-5 p.m. Hayward, Sawyer Co. Leaders: Susan Frett and Christina Locke Limit: 16 Cost: \$15 per person

11. SPRUCE GROUSE IN THE BOREAL FOREST

Both spruce grouse and boreal forests are rarities in Wisconsin, and on this trip you get both! Hike off-trail through balsam firs in a mossy boreal forest for intimate views of spruce grouse in resplendent courtship display. An exclusive chance to see one of the state's most unique, secretive and threatened birds. Fundraiser for the Bird Protection Fund. Friday, April 28, 6-10:30 a.m. Clam Lake, Ashland Co. Leader: Ryan Brady Limit: 20 Cost: \$75 per person



12. FROGS AND TOADS OF THE KICKAPOO VALLEY

Learn to identify all 12 frog and toad species in Wisconsin by sight and call. Then venture on a dusk hike through the Kickapoo Valley Reserve to practice your new skills. See how easy it is to become a citizen scientist for the Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey! Ages 10+



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Learn about frogs and toads on trips 12 and 98.

Friday, April 28, 7-10 p.m.
La Farge, Vernon Co.
Leaders: Andrew Badje and Ben Johnston
Limit: 40
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



16. CATCHING THE PEAK: MIGRATORY BIRD BANDING

The annual Neotropical migration of millions of birds is one of the world's most awe-inspiring phenomena. Marvel at birds up close as we spend the day assisting to capture and band many passerines that pass through the savannas, woodlands and prairies at the Waupaca Biological Field Station and Emmons Creek Barrens SNA. Fundraiser for the Bird Protection Fund. Ages 8+
Choose one session to attend:
16-A. Saturday, May 6, 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
16-B. Saturday, May 13, 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
16-C. Saturday, May 20, 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Waupaca, Waupaca Co.
Leader: Robert Welch
Limit: 25
Cost: \$45 adult, \$35 child per person



19. SPRING BIRDING IN THE DRIFTLESS — FOR FAMILIES!

Join us for a family-friendly afternoon of birds! Hike scenic trails through the Driftless Area with binoculars (provided) in search of spring migrating birds. Enjoy interactive birding activities for kids and families to do together. Then record our sightings into the eBird website as we learn the importance of citizen science. Ages 5+
Sunday, May 7, 1-3 p.m.

Black Earth, Dane Co.
Leader: Virginia Wigen
Limit: 30
Cost: \$21 adult, \$11 child per person

40. KIRTLAND'S WARBLERS UP CLOSE

Chance to see/hear one of Wisconsin's rarest birds! Explore the carefully protected pine barrens to learn about Kirtland's warbler life history and ongoing management initiatives. Look for barrens wildflowers, reptiles and other birds such as clay-colored sparrow. With a bit of luck and expert guidance, see/hear the elusive and rare Kirtland's warbler! Fundraiser to support Kirtland's warbler conservation.
Friday, May 19, 6:45-10 a.m.
Rome, Adams Co.
Leaders: Kim Grveles, Jon Robaidek, Amy and Rich Staffen
Limit: 36
Cost: \$45 per person

49. PHONEOGRAPHY AT DEVIL'S LAKE

Phoneography is capturing images with your smartphone. Learn techniques for smartphone nature photography, how to edit using a variety of applications and tips for archiving images. Start in the classroom, then head outdoors to capture your own great pics of Devil's Lake State Park! Note: some steep hikes.
Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-noon
Baraboo, Sauk Co.
Leaders: David and Diane Edwards
Limit: 25
Cost: \$20 per person

51. SPRING BUTTERFLY TREK: CREX TO THE BARRENS

Spring brings wildflowers, migrating songbirds and a burst of early-season butterflies to the pine barrens and bogs of Burnett County. From Crex to the Namekagon Barrens, join a butterfly enthusiast for a guided caravan tour of his favorite haunts. Venture amongst lupine, bearberry and juneberry bedazzled in bloom as we search for elfins, blues and dusky-wing skipper butterflies.
Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Grantsburg, Burnett Co.
Leader: Dean Hansen
Limit: 18
Cost: \$15 per person



52. PRAIRIE BURN EXPLORATION FOR KIDS!

We tell kids to be careful with fire but fire has its benefits too! Enjoy this kid's-eye view of prairie ecology as we hike Westport Drumlin Prairie, part of Empire Prairies SNA, to learn how fire impacts prairies. Compare burned and unburned areas, identify early blooming prairie flowers and learn about remnant prairies. Ages 7+
Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.-noon
Madison, Dane Co.
Leader: Nate Fayram
Limit: 20
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



64. FISH PASSAGE ALONG THE MILWAUKEE RIVER

Years of hard work have reconnected over 130 miles of rivers and streams in the Milwaukee River Watershed, allowing native fish access to high-quality spawning habitat. See this amazing transformation firsthand. Visit dam removals, habitat restoration projects and a fish passage with an underwater camera. An important project on a historic river! Ages 10+
Friday, June 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thiensville, Ozaukee Co.
Leaders: Matt Aho, Andrew Struck and Kristina Kroening
Limit: 20
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



67. HORICON: PONTOON AND HIKE

Birds and wildlife abound on this enjoyable naturalist-guided pontoon tour of the famed Horicon Marsh, home to over 300 species of birds! Also venture on a boardwalk hike for more birding and a different perspective of the marsh. Ages 10+

Saturday, June 3, 7:30 a.m.-noon
Horicon, Dodge Co.

Leaders: Elizabeth Herzmann, Jeff Bahls,
Marc and Gayl Zuelsdorf
Limit: 40

Cost: \$34 adult, \$24 child per person

69. GEOLOGY OF THE ICE AGE TRAIL AND MONDEAUX ESKE

Venture into the Chequamegon National Forest to learn about glacial geology from the co-author of "Geology of the Ice Age Trail." Marvel at geological features as we hike two miles along an esker ridge covered with big hemlock and yellow birch trees. Note: a few steep hills.

Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.-noon

Westboro, Taylor Co.

Leaders: Scott Everson and David Mickelson

Limit: 20

Cost: \$25 per person

71. LICHENS OF THE NORTHWOODS

Explore the elusive life of lichens as we traverse the boreal forest of Johnson Lake Barrens SNA. Learn about lichen ecology, management for conservation and tips for lichen identification.

Fundraiser for the Wisconsin Rare Plant Preservation Fund.

Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Boulder Junction, Vilas Co.

Leaders: Jim Bennett and Mary Bartkowiak

Limit: 20

Cost: \$20 per person

74. BIKING FOR BIRDS IN WHITE RIVER WILDLIFE AREA

Like biking and birding? Combine the two for double the fun! Pedal 13 miles through White River Marsh on a Rustic Road that crosses lowland forest, shrub-carr, sedge meadow and cattail marsh. Enjoy many stops to spy bitterns, rails, cuckoos, flycatchers, wrens, sandhill and whooping cranes. Fundraiser for the Bird Protection Fund.

Sunday, June 4, 5 a.m.-noon

Berlin, Green Lake Co.

Leaders: Thomas and Wendy Schultz
Limit: 12

Cost: \$35 per person



76. GET HOOKED! FLY-FISHING FOR BEGINNERS

Tackle your curiosity about fly-fishing on this fun and inexpensive introduction to the sport. Experts will demystify the equipment and teach the basics. Then venture outside Riveredge Nature Center to learn some casts and fish the ponds. Cost includes use of rods, reels, lines and flies. Give it a try — you'll get hooked! Ages 8+

Sunday, June 4, 12:30-3 p.m.

Newburg, Ozaukee Co.

Leaders: Jerry Kiesow, Diane Kiesow and Chris Vollmer

Limit: 12

Cost: \$45 adult, \$35 child per person



90. NATIVE WISCONSIN WILDLIFE AT THE MACKENZIE CENTER

Discover, identify and learn about Wisconsin's native wildlife. View nearly 20 different species of wildlife up close and hike through their native habitats.

Ages 5+

Saturday, June 10, 1-3:30 p.m.

Poynette, Columbia Co.

Leader: Christopher Tall

Limit: 30

Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



98. FROGS AND TOADS OF THE RIDGES

Learn to identify all 12 frog and toad species in Wisconsin by sight and call. Then venture on a dusk hike through The Ridges Sanctuary in Door County to practice your new identification skills. See how easy it is to become a citizen scientist for the Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey! Ages 8+

Friday, June 16, 7:30-10 p.m.

Bailey's Harbor, Door Co.

Leaders: Andrew Badje and Brian Forest
Limit: 40

Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person

105. WHEELS AND WATER! BIKING MILWAUKEE'S HARBOR DISTRICT

At the confluence of three rivers, the Harbor District is a place where past meets future. Historic neighborhoods and century-old rail bridges meet high-tech manufacturing and world-class freshwater research. Our last remaining wetlands meet our newest urban developments. Enjoy a bike ride through streets and trails with stops along the way to discover the history and future of water resources. You must bring your own bike.

Friday, June 23, 1-4 p.m.

Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co.

Leaders: Kevin Engstrom and Moranda Medina

Limit: 32

Cost: \$15 per person



107. WONDROUS WORMS, AMAZING ARTHROPODS, FASCINATING FLORA

How versed are you in the creepy and crawly of Wisconsin forests? Venture into the UW-Madison Arboretum and learn how diversity comes in all shapes and sizes! Search for interesting bugs, wiggly worms and problematic plants while learning how they affect our forests. Fun for kids! Ages 4+

Saturday, June 24, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Madison, Dane Co.



Get hands-on with the creepy crawly of Wisconsin's forests on trip 107.

MICHAEL HILLSTROM

Leaders: Michael Hillstrom and Bernie Williams
Limit: 30
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



109. BIG BAY SAND SPIT AND BOG SNA

The beauty of Madeline Island awaits! One thousand years of natural history unfolds before us on this boardwalk stroll through time: from grains of sand to the present-day lagoon, bog and barrier beach. Enjoy enchanting tamaracks, barberry and wintergreen while hiking this treasured SNA. Ferry to the islands is not included. Ages 8+ Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Madeline Island, Ashland Co.
Leader: Jennifer Birkholz
Limit: 30
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person

116. LAKESHORE STATE PARK: URBAN OASIS

Lakeshore is one of the newest and most urban of Wisconsin's State Parks. Located on a peninsula in Lake Michigan in downtown Milwaukee, it sports spectacular views of both the city and lake. Hike short-grass prairies to learn about ecology and marvel at the surprising diversity of wildlife, plants and birds that inhabit this beloved park. Friday, July 7, 10 a.m.-noon Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co.
Leader: Tom Kroeger
Limit: 25
Cost: \$15 per person



121. TOUR THE RAPTOR EDUCATION GROUP INC.

View spectacular birds up close during a behind-the-scenes look at Raptor Education Group Inc., one of Wisconsin's premier bird rehabilitation and research facilities that takes in all native injured avian species, but specializes in bald eagles and other raptors. Ages 8+ Choose one session to attend:
121-A. Friday, July 14, 9-11 a.m.
121-B. Friday, July 14, 1-3 p.m. Antigo, Langlade Co.
Leader: Elise Schuler
Limit: 20
Cost: \$20 adult, \$10 child per person



124. PLEIN AIR PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE PRAIRIE

Painting, photography and prairies? A perfect partnership! Hike York Prairie SNA to discover prairie ecology and



Learn about monarch ecology on trips 127 and 149 and seven others listed online at WisConservation.org.

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blooming wildflowers. Then delight in your prairie experience with artistic expression, facilitated by two local artists. Try your hand at plein air painting — materials and instruction provided — or bring a camera to hone your prairie photography skills. You don't need to be an experienced artist, come learn and explore! Ages 10+ Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m.-noon Blanchardville, Green Co.
Leaders: Heidi Hankley, Jim MacDonald and Jerry Newman
Limit: 25
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



127. MONARCHS AND MILKWEED: AN ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

Venture to Mosquito Hill for a hands-on program to learn proper handling, feeding and sanitizing techniques to raise healthy monarch butterflies. Assist with testing adult monarchs for a deadly protozoan and go in the field to document monarchs and milkweed for a citizen science project. Ages 6+ Saturday, July 15, 12-3:30 p.m. New London, Outagamie Co.
Leader: Jessica Miller
Limit: 30
Cost: \$17 adult, \$7 child per person



137. MODERN LANDFILLS: CREATING RENEWABLE POWER AND COMPOST

Learn how an innovative landfill is

constructed and operated, and how the gas collected is turned into renewable power. This facility also leads the way in commercial food waste collection, turning it into rich compost — an important topic all citizens should know more about! Ages 10+ Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co.
Leader: Mark Vinall
Limit: 15
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



147. WATER TRANSFORMATION AT NINE SPRINGS

Where does our tap-water come from and where does it go? Follow water as it flows through the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant and is transformed from harmful pollutant to helpful resource. Understand the impacts of water use and the role of wastewater treatment in the water cycle. Ages 5+ Thursday, August 10, 1-3 p.m. Madison, Dane Co.
Leader: Emily Jones
Limit: 25
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



149. NATIVE BUTTERFLIES UP CLOSE

Get up close with native Wisconsin butterflies! See more than a dozen native butterfly species in the Beaver Creek Butterfly House and visit a

caterpillar rearing lab. Learn about butterfly life cycles, migration, ecology and the garden plants that attract them. Ages 8+

Friday, August 11, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Fall Creek, Eau Claire Co.

Leader: James Schwiebert

Limit: 20

Cost: \$23 adult, \$13 child per person

152. SMALL PRAIRIE RESTORATION — THE EASY WAY!

Join a landowner to learn how you too can start and maintain a small prairie. Hike the 7-acre upland and lowland prairie to see 90 native plant species, and learn how to attract kestrels, monarch butterflies, mason bees, snakes and frogs to your property.

Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m.-noon
Waupun, Fond du Lac Co.

Leaders: Darrel, Jerry and Ruthann Gunderson

Limit: 30

Cost: \$15 per person

159. SHOREBIRDS AND WATERBIRDS OF CAT ISLAND

Note: Long, 5-mile hike. Enjoy an exclusive opportunity to venture into the usually closed-to-the-public Cat Island Wave Barrier for a rare chance to spy breeding piping plovers, common terns, Forster's terns and Caspian terns. See colonial waterbirds such as American white pelicans, great egrets, black-crowned night herons and double-crested cormorants. This island has hosted more species of migratory shorebirds than any other location in Wisconsin! Fundraiser for the Bird Protection Fund.

Saturday, August 19, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Green Bay, Brown Co.

Leader: Tom Prestby

Limit: 25

Cost: \$100 per person



163. TREASURES OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER: NATIVE MUSSELS

Wade in the cool waters of the Chippewa River to search for one of our state's most diverse yet hidden treasures: freshwater mussels (clams). Learn about our 52 native species, their fascinating life cycle and amazing contributions to the history of Wisconsin. Great fun for kids and adults! Ages 5+

Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m.-noon
Meridian, Dunn Co.

Leaders: Lisie Kitchel and Jesse Weininger

Limit: 25

Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



164. MISSISSIPPI RIVER PONTON: TASTE OF THE RIVER

Discover the many facets of the Mississippi River — from fishing and clamming to channel navigation and local history. You'll encounter unique plants and animals with some of the best opportunities for birding in North America. Enjoy a lunch of scored suckerfish on a floating restaurant (included) for a true taste of the river. A unique opportunity to experience local products from local waters. Ages 12+

Choose one session to attend:

164-A. Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

164-B. Sunday, August 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

McGregor, Iowa

Leader: Robert Vavra

Limit: 40

Cost: \$50 adult, \$40 child per person



170. BANDING BIRDS OF THE NORTHWOODS

There's nothing like a bird in the hand! Using mist nets, we'll catch and band a variety of Northwoods songbirds. A

great opportunity for bird-lovers of all ages to see birds up close and hone their identification skills. Fundraiser for the Bird Protection Fund. Ages 10+

Choose one session to attend:

170-A. Saturday, August 26, 7-11:30 a.m.

170-B. Saturday, September 2, 7-11:30 a.m.

Washburn, Bayfield Co.

Leader: Ryan Brady

Limit: 20

Cost: \$40 adult, \$30 child per person



172. MILWAUKEE'S WILDLIFE REHAB CENTER: BEHIND THE SCENES

Tour behind the scenes at the Wisconsin Humane Society's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Milwaukee, which admits over 5,000 injured, sick and orphaned wild animals each year. View some of the patients in the wildlife hospital and visit with a peregrine falcon, eastern screech owl, big brown bats and more. Ages 12+

Thursday, September 7, 2-4 p.m.

Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co.

Leader: Scott Diehl

Limit: 40

Cost: \$20 adult, \$10 child per person



Search the stream bed for many species of freshwater mussels on trip 163.

183. TRAIN RIDE AND BLUFF PRAIRIE HIKE: TIFFANY WILDLIFE AREA

A full day of fun! Enjoy a morning walk in the 5-Mile Bluff SNA for amazing views of the Chippewa and Mississippi rivers. Along the way you'll learn about glacial geology, goat prairie management and timber rattlesnakes. Then off to the tracks for an open-air train ride into the remote areas of the Tiffany Wildlife Area with several stops for short hikes into prairies, savannas and floodplain forests. Learn why this is one of the most ecologically and historically unique areas of the state! Fundraiser for conservation along the lower Chippewa River.
Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Durand, Buffalo Co.
Leaders: Mark Rasmussen and Dean Edlin
Limit: 64
Cost: \$48 per person



184. POLLINATOR PRIMER

Discover which pollinators live in

Wisconsin, what plants they love and what role they play in nature. Learn hands-on as we hike to capture, identify and tag pollinators. Take home a project to help pollinators in your own yard.
Ages 6+
Saturday, September 16, 1-3:30 p.m.
Brighton, Kenosha Co.
Leader: Beth Goeppinger
Limit: 30
Cost: \$20 adult, \$10 child per person



186. INSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING PLANT

Where do your recyclables go and what do they become? Tour Wisconsin's largest recycling processing plant to learn how Waste Management converts recyclables into feedstocks for manufacturers around the globe. An amazing transformation!
Ages 12+
Thursday, September 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Germantown, Washington Co.
Leaders: Lynn Morgan and John Schultz
Limit: 24
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person



189. LAKE GENEVA ZIP LINE CANOPY TOUR

Enjoy an airborne ecological sightseeing adventure, as we soar through the trees of a 100-acre forest on eight different zip lines, five sky bridges and several spiral stairways. Learn fascinating facts on the ecology, biology, geology and local history of the Geneva Lakes area from 841 feet up with a bird's-eye view of Lake Como and beyond. Must weigh 65 – 250 pounds. Ages 7+
Saturday, September 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lake Geneva, Walworth Co.
Leaders: Seth Elder and Sparkle Lagerhausen
Limit: 25
Cost: \$95 adult, \$85 child per person

191. HOUSEBOAT EXPLORATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Explore the many aspects of Mississippi River history and ecology on a houseboat cruise through the beautiful backwater nooks of scenic Pool 9. Learn from a retired biology professor about riverine habitats, glaciation, natural history, habitat restoration and the lock and dam system on this unique and exclusive boat tour.
Saturday, September 30, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Lansing, Iowa
Leader: Dr. James Davies
Limit: 20
Cost: \$125 per person



195. SAW-WHET AND LONG-EARED OWL BANDING

Have your own close encounter with Wisconsin's smallest owl! Experience how the experts mist-net and band these adorable birds at Linwood Springs Research Station, which bands up to 700 migrating owls annually. Chance to see long-eared owls, too! Ages 7+
Time: All sessions 7:30-10 p.m.
Choose one session date to attend:
195-A. Friday, October 6
195-B. Saturday, October 7
195-C. Friday, October 13
195-D. Wednesday, October 18
195-E. Friday, October 20
195-F. Saturday, October 21
Stevens Point, Portage Co.
Leaders: Gene and Lorraine Jacobs
Limit: 40
Cost: \$35 adult, \$25 child per person

196. BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE WISCONSIN STATE HERBARIUM

Botanists within the Wisconsin State Herbarium on the campus of UW-Madison have been documenting flora



Explore Mississippi River biology aboard a houseboat cruise on trip 191.

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Zip through a forest canopy on trip 189.

LAKE GENEVA CANOPY TOURS

for more than 175 years, and have amassed one of the world's largest collections of preserved plants, algae, lichens and fungi. Learn about the herbarium's 1.3 million botanical specimens and enjoy hands-on activities with museum curators. Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.-noon Madison, Dane Co.
Leaders: Ken Cameron, Mary Ann Feist and Mark Wetter
Limit: 36
Cost: \$15 per person



206. OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SKILLS IN THE DRIFTLESS

You never know what Mother Nature will throw your way! Adventure in the Driftless Area to learn the basics of survival and outdoor skills. Develop a strategy when faced with a survival situation and work in teams to get hands-on to build a fire, boil water and make a debris shelter. Ages 7+ Sunday, October 22, 1-3 p.m. Black Earth, Dane Co.
Leader: Virginia Wiggen
Limit: 30
Cost: \$21 adult, \$11 child per person



Get up close with saw-whet owls on trip 195.



208. WATERFOWL ID OF THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Get to know your ducks, geese and swans of the Mississippi River flyway! Learn tips and tricks for waterfowl identification in an indoor classroom, then venture to the field in Pools 8 and 9 to hone your skills during the peak of waterfowl migration. Ages 12+ Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. La Crosse, La Crosse Co.
Leaders: Brenda and Scott Kelly
Limit: 30
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person

209. GLACIAL FEATURES OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

Enjoy a bus tour to explore the geologic wonders of Barron and Washburn counties. Learn from an expert geologist how landscape features such as moraines, eskers and drumlins tell the fascinating story of western Wisconsin's glacial past. Stop for short hikes (some are steep). Saturday, November 4, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Barron, Barron Co.
Leader: Dale Hanson
Limit: 30
Cost: \$25 per person

210. MIGRATION ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

A site to behold! Expect to see more than 250 bald eagles and 100,000 waterfowl as we caravan to birding hot spots along the Mississippi River. See swans, pelicans, eagles, hawks and more at the peak of migration at this Globally Important Bird Area. Fundraiser for the Bird Protection Fund. Friday, November 10, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Brownsville, Minnesota
Leaders: Andrew Paulios and Steve Houdek
Limit: 50
Cost: \$45 per person



211. WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION

Trees tell us their stories year-long if we only learn how to see them. Leaves are the easiest part to read, but we will delve into buds, leaf scars and lenticels to identify the trees of the scenic Seno K/RLT Conservancy in their leafless, early winter glory. Ages 8+ Saturday, November 11, 9-11:30 a.m. Burlington, Racine Co.
Leader: Nan Calvert
Limit: 30
Cost: \$15 adult, \$5 child per person

BRUCE BARTEL

5th Annual Great Wisconsin Birdathon

April 15 – June 15



*See a bird...
Save a bird*

NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

Since 2012, participants in the Great Wisconsin Birdathon have raised more than \$200,000 for bird conservation projects all over the state.

What is a Birdathon? Think of it as a walk-a-thon with birds. You can participate anywhere in the state — in your neighborhood, county or state parks, or even your own backyard — and can take part for just a few hours or a whole day.

Donations and pledges are held by the Bird Protection Fund of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and fund projects including whooping crane reintroduction, Kirtland's warbler monitoring, Bird City Wisconsin and more. Organizations can participate in the Birdathon to raise funds for their own projects as well.

Whether you're a novice or veteran birder, the Great Wisconsin Birdathon is a fun and easy way to support conservation efforts, while spending time outside with friends and family.

See a bird, save a bird! Find everything you need to get started at WIBirdathon.org!

